

Ultra-Optimistic
Doubtless, a certain amount of optimism is a valuable trait in the personality of any Foreign Secretary.

Judging by his utterances over the past four or five years, Mr. John Foster Dulles is the most optimistic Foreign Secretary in the world today. Indeed, in that particular quality it would be hard to find his equals in any period of history.

These are a few of the many instances which could be quoted in favour of Mr. Dulles' claim to distinction in the art of optimism. But perhaps the most glaring bit of evidence came to light the other day when the leader of Russian Communism, Nikita Khrushchev, fired Messrs. Molotov, Malenkov, Kaganovich and Shepilov from their posts in the Presidium.

It would be a great thing for mankind if such unbounded optimism were justified. But, judging by the reports which have come out of Moscow—and Mr. Dulles has said that he has no other reports on which to base his judgement—there is nothing to indicate that the Communists' grip on Russia is any weaker than it was in Stalin's time.

Back To Fundamentals

"Freedom for the pupils and democracy in the schools", was the slogan of U. S. educational reformers a few years ago. Individually, they maintained, should be allowed to develop, even at the cost of the child's studies.

well-documented article in UNESCO Features. American education is quietly but surely turning to stricter methods of instruction. It has been forced to do so in the training of specialists and research experts, whom this technical age urgently needs.

Not all the innovations introduced between the two wars are disappearing; but it is admitted now that to become a useful citizen it is necessary to accept discipline in school and to study hard to acquire the fundamentals of learning.

"They Builided Better..."
One of the hardest things about making a speech is to know how to end, says the Montreal Gazette. And very often the most effective ending is a quotation.

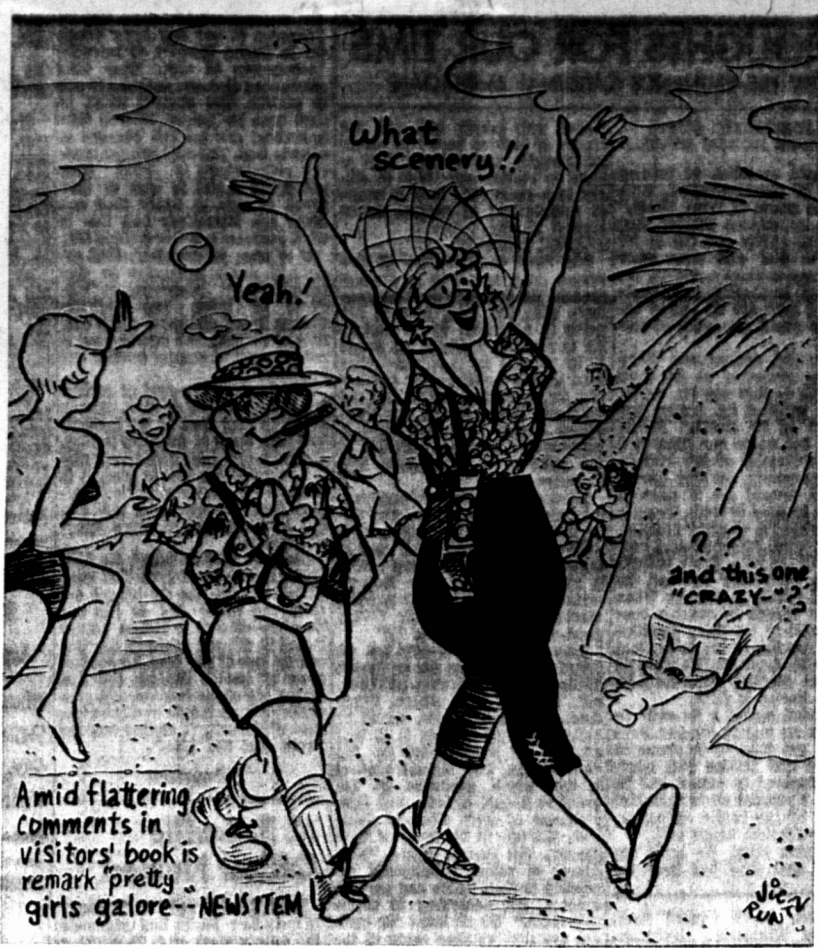
"What Canadians have tried to do is enshrined in a bronze tablet in the Legislative Building in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the cradle of Confederation, where the words appear: 'In the hearts and minds of the delegates who assembled in this room on September 1st, 1864, was born the Dominion of Canada.'

EDITORIAL NOTES

An Indian politician wants the government to levy a tax on prayers. An ingenious fellow, but hardly a very religious one.

There is excitement among archaeologists in England, where a grave has been discovered on Hertford Heath of what may be the last tribal king to rule southern Britain before the Roman conquest 1,900 years ago.

On his way home from London Prime Minister Nehru of India stopped off in Cairo to chat with President Nasser. What they talked about has not been disclosed, but it is likely that Mr. Nehru, fresh from consultations with his Commonwealth colleagues, was able to tell his host that in retrospect, from the point of view of most Commonwealth Governments, the British-French action in the Suez crisis appears to have been well justified.



POINT OF VIEW

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Topics During Heat Wave

By 'Onlooker'
Thomson Newspapers, London, England Bureau
Visitors from Canada, the U.S. and more distant places were pleasantly shocked again this past week as Britain's unseasonably hot weather continued and had the mercury flaming into the 80's on several occasions.

Keeping pace with the temperature was much heated discussion regarding the cigarette smoking-cancer controversy which flared up again during the week following a rather shattering report of the Medical Research Council, which suggests—but does no more than that—that what we have already heard, so many times before—that there may be a link between lung cancer and smoking.

Most people are inclined to accept the finding of the Medical Research Council. However, I heard of one man who went to a London Hospital for a check up after having had a serious lung operation four years back asking the doctor why he complained that his patient still smoked too much.

"Tell me," said the patient, "will you declare that smoking causes lung cancer?"
"If you ask me like that," replied the famous specialist, "I cannot say that it does." The patient is still smoking—heavily.

FANTASTIC CURES
Some fantastic cures are being canvassed for people who want to give up their pack of cigarettes a day. One of the officials of the National Society of Non-Smokers—a body which was founded to stop smokers from smoking in non-smoking compartments of trains—says: "It depends on a person's will-power. Psychology plays a big part." Hot baths are useful for helping to get rid of the nicotine

COUNTED AS HONOUR
Only one other of the Commonwealth visitors has been similarly honored. He is Mr. Surhwardy, Prime Minister of Pakistan. In Britain many distinguished people count it an honor for their efforts to be on show. The First Sea Lord, admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten, is also about to be visited from Mr. Tussaud who is

Prophets At Work

Bruce Hutchison in the Winnipeg Free Press
After the recent election any charitable man must have felt a deep surge of compassion for the prophets. Apparently they were repudiated. Jobless and destitute. A miserly Parliament had provided no system of pensions, no senatorships for ruined prophets. What was to happen to these victims of technological unemployment? Well, there was no reason to worry about them.

On the day after the poll I made a tour of the local second-hand stores to inspect to pick up a gross or two of crystal balls at bargain prices and use them for garden decorations. Premier Bennett's famous divining rod, I supposed, could be brought for a quarter, plus his sales tax, and would make a good stake for beans. The vivid prophetic robe of Mr. Low no doubt would be offered for a dollar or so and would provide colorful coverings for the old hammock cushions.

But in all the second-hand stores not one crystal ball, divining rod or robe was for sale. And when I encountered the leading local prophet, who had bet on at least 150 for a dime, as I feared, and offered to bet a hundred dollars that there would be no second election for at least four years.

ALL PROSPEROUS
All the prophets appear as prosperous, confident and reliable as ever. Moreover, they are just as respected as ever. Many politicians have been discredited. The prophets who predicted their election have not been in the least discredited.

It is too simple to say that the prophets can survive any disaster merely because they are insensitive, brassy and pompous. The mystique of prophecy goes much deeper than that.

After long consideration, I am persuaded that prophets are born, not made, and born with certain indefeasible titles deeds or property, with a kind of sovereignty and divine right long lost to kings and queens.

Nevertheless, a man born to prophecy must learn the technique of

RECOVERS FROM PILLS

PEMBROKE OIL (CP) — An eight-year-old farm girl, Susan Rosamond, Thursday came out of a two-day coma believed caused by an overdose of sedative pills. Susan was taken to hospital unconscious Monday. Her mother, Mrs. Robert Rosamond said she did not realize the child had obtained the pills by climbing up to a kitchen shelf.

making a model of him. It is not so many years ago that the White House in Washington was entirely remodelled—in face of much criticism which said that the old place should not be touched. Soon Britain will be plunged into the same controversy, only more so, over its number one home. For plans are afoot to do a drastic renovation job on Number 10, Downing Street, home of British Prime Ministers for the last 200 years.

The other day Lord Esher got wind of the plans and put a question down for answer in the House of Lords. The question was widely reported. Then Lord Esher was asked by the appropriate Minister not to ask his question just yet as the time is not appropriate.

Lord Esher later told me: "If I don't tell me soon when I may ask the question I shall ask it anyway. We have to scotch these things right from the start."

Lord Esher later told me: "If old buildings, he fights to preserve the best and most worthy of them and I dare say he is shocked by the rumours he has heard about what is planned for Downing St. These rumours, I have discovered, have basis in fact."

Two years ago a thorough survey was carried out on 10, 11 and 12, Downing Street and temporary strengthening was started. The survey results were never announced but the plan is now to pull down Number 12 and most of Number 11 (both in Government occupation—Number 11 being the traditional home of the Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Number 10 under the plan, would be "remodelled". The old historic front would be preserved and the sites of the other two houses used for an extension to the Prime Minister's headquarters. The latter, under the rebuilding plan, will become nothing much more than a block of flats and offices.

When these facts are widely known in Britain the resultant shouts of "vandalism!" should be heard across the Atlantic in Halifax and points West.

popular, he reminded me of Sir John A. Macdonald's famous remark in the Kingston by-election of 1876. (Somehow "Mr. Finninger never got around to quoting it but the meaning, I gathered, was unanswerable.)

Besides, he would add, one must never forget Blake's profound dictum in East Durham and Laurier's warning to the voters of Riviere du Loup. How could a layman stand up to this expert knowledge? I look Mr. Finninger at his word.

"PLAIN LOGIC"
As naturally an election night he telephoned me, long distance collect, to announce that the electoral figures and plain logic of the situation must soon ruin Mr. Diefenbaker, poor fellow, just as Mr. Finninger had always anticipated. Had I forgotten Macdonald's Double Shuffle and King's Constitutionally? Unfortunately, I had. But I remembered the telephone bill at the end of the month.

If I have any misgivings about the future, Mr. Finninger is now willing to bet me any amount I please. There is the final mystery of scientific prognostication—where in the prophets get the money to pay for the bets that they invariably lose?

There is, I am convinced, a secret order of prophecy, a tightly-knit prophets' trade union, a royal arcana of the elect, (though not the elected) and a vast campaign fund against which an ordinary voter doesn't stand a chance. The new government's life may be long or short. The prophets like the brook, will go on forever. With the same chattering sound.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files
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Lot Improved For Diabetics

CAN the average diabetic expect to live as long as persons not troubled with the disease? Unfortunately, the answer is "No". While we've come a long way in helping the diabetic to lead a more normal and fuller life, we've still got a long way to go. Through use of insulin and carefully programmed diets, most diabetics have been able to add years to their lives.

IN RECENT YEARS
In fact, it has been only in recent years that persons who contracted diabetes early in childhood have managed to attain the age of 45.

Insulin, you see, was introduced a scant 35 years ago. Until that time, children afflicted with the disease could expect to live relatively few years.

Yet even now longevity of diabetics continues to be well under that for nondiabetics. The plain fact is that we still do not have perfect control over the disease.

RECENT ANALYSIS
An analysis made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of the life expectancy of the diabetic shows quite a disparity with the nondiabetic in many instances.

This is especially true among children and young adults. The analysis, based on the experience of the Joslyn Clinic of Boston for the period between 1947 and 1951, showed the death rates for young diabetics were from 5 to 10 times the rates for the general population. In middle and later life, the ratio was at least two to one.

At the age of 10, for example, a diabetic youngster could expect another 43 years of life. That is about 17 years less than the life expectancy for the general population in the same age group.

At the age of 30, a diabetic could look forward to another 30.1 years—about 12½ years less than the non-diabetic 30-year-olds.

AT FIFTY
A 50-year-old diabetic could expect to live 16.9 years more. The average nondiabetic at that age would count on 24.9 additional years of life.

However, I want to emphasize that this does not mean that all diabetics will not outlive their healthier neighbors. These are statistical averages only and do not refer to individual cases.

Besides, our scientists are constantly coming up with ideas for new types of therapy.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
Q: What is osteoporosis and how can it be treated?
A: Osteoporosis is the loss of vital minerals, particularly calcium, of bones.

It may occur with old age, with disuse of a limb and in women passing through the menopause. Usually, a combination of male and female hormones, along with an adequate diet and calcium and phosphorus preparation, will correct this condition.

The Age Old Story

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee lights."
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City workmen are now engaged on permanent street repairs at the corner of Euston and Rochford Streets where a considerable section of pavement has been taken up and a concrete base partly laid. About 18 men are presently employed and an additional 24 will be taken on within a few days.

TEN YEARS AGO

(July 13, 1947)
Three hundred and twenty-six persons are unemployed in Prince County at the present time according to figures released by Mr. Earle Cannon, Manager of the Unemployment Office at Summerside. This constitutes a slight increase over the previous month. Of the unemployed, number 264 are males and 62 are females. Positions unfilled are 27 for men and 9 vacancies for women.

Mayor J. B. Caldwell of St. Thomas, Ontario, Mrs. Caldwell and daughter are visiting in the city for a few days. While here Mayor Caldwell paid a visit to Mayor B. Earle Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald, and also called on His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor Bernard.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The most serious mistake anybody can make is the one from which they learn nothing.—London Free Press
Men are the sex which will never understand why a woman's hat should cost as much as a good fishing reel.—Winnipeg Tribune
Khrushchev thinks our grandchildren will be socialists. He is wise to skip our children who, judging by the way they pursue their fees for grass cutting, dish-washing and baby-sitting, are unshakable capitalists.—Hamilton Spectator

The Canadian Linguistic Association, one of twenty-three learned societies that met in Ottawa last week, heard a paper on "The phonetic grouping of vowels in Vancouver English." It will be news to many Canadians that a "Vancouver English" has developed, for the West Coast city is comparatively young and its population is cosmopolitan. But the linguists have sharp ears. They can usually tell whether a Canadian is from Vancouver, Hamilton or Victoria.—Ottawa Citizen

City Marshal Mayberry of St. Louis decided that it was time to crack down on people who allowed their dogs to run loose, and among others, a warrant was issued against a man whose pooch was tearing around a neighbor's lawn. In due course the case came before Judge Richard O. Stephens who said this kind of nuisance must stop and the \$1 and costs he was imposing would be doubled if the accused came up before him again. Thereupon Judge Stephens fined himself \$1 and said he would try to avoid having to pay a \$2 fine.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

A thrifty man, off on a business trip, called back as he was leaving the house: "Goodbye all; and don't forget to take little Patrick's glasses off when he isn't looking at anything.—Irish Digest, Dublin

Women in business "have more fun, stay younger and look better than women who stay at home," according to Mary G. Rosberg, America's first woman bank president. May we inquire softly: "But how does the Old Man look?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer

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